

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) ~~A rubber composition comprising A~~
pneumatic tire having a strip, which is located on a breaker edge, comprising a
rubber composition comprising:

100 parts by weight of (A) a rubber component comprising natural
rubber and/or isoprene rubber,

4 to 6 parts by weight of (B) sulfur,

0.5 to 2.0 parts by weight of (C) a resin containing resorcin or a
derivative thereof,

0.5 to 2.0 parts by weight of (D) a compound capable of donating a
methylene group, and

(E) a cobalt ~~metallie salt~~ stearate.

2. (Currently amended) The ~~rubber composition~~ pneumatic tire of
Claim 1 which further comprises 50 to 70 parts by weight of (F) carbon black
having iodine absorption of 70 to 120 (g/kg) and dibutyl phthalate oil
absorption of 70 to 125 (10^{-5} m³/kg), based on 100 parts by weight of rubber
component (A).

3. (Currently amended) The ~~rubber composition~~ pneumatic tire of Claim 1 or 2, wherein the content of cobalt in said cobalt stearate ~~metallic salt~~ (E) is 0.05 to 0.2 part by weight based on 100 parts of weight of rubber component (A).

4. (Canceled)